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Inventor(s): Smith et al. Title:

A POWER

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITH A DEDICATED POWER STRUCTURE

AND A HIGH PERFORMANCE

VOLTAGE REGULATOR

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF November 28, 2003

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of November 28, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

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